

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, line 2, delete the following title:

~~Specification~~

On page 1, prior to the first paragraph which begins on line 3, please insert the following:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 1, lines 3 and 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to a menswear garment, in particular shorts, such as boxer shorts[[,]] ~~as generically defined by the preamble to claim 1.~~

On page 1, prior to the second paragraph which begins on line 5, please insert the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 19, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 1, line 22 and ends on line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

For attaining this object, in a menswear garment, in particular shorts, such as boxer shorts, of the type defined at the outset, a front part, a back part, an insert part and a crotch area and a waistband are provided. The waistband extends along the front part and the back part. The front part is provided on the inside with the insert part, extending to both parts of the longitudinal center of the garment. The insert part has two free edges, each extending away from the longitudinal center. The two free edges

are joined together in or near the crotch area by the lower region of the insert part, forming a cuplike receptacle ~~the characteristics recited in claim 1 are contemplated.~~

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 2, line 3 and ends on line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~With the characteristics of claim 2~~ The cuplike receptacle, in the region where the free edges of the insert part are joined together, is connected to a securing point near the crotch area, a fixation of the cuplike receptacle even in the free edge region on the front part is attained. It is practical to provide the securing point formed on a longitudinally extending in seam ~~characteristics in accordance with claim 3,~~ which make the shorts comfortable to wear even in the front region or crotch area.

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 2, line 7 and ends on line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is practical that ~~in accordance with the characteristics of claim 4,~~ the insert part begins at the waistband of the shorts. Because of the rounding of the waistband that occurs during wearing and because the free edges of the insert part are joined together, an advantageous shape which offers the correct hold and the applicable wearing comfort is attained wherein the insert part is approximately the shape of a cup in longitudinal section or of a pair of briefs ~~in accordance with the characteristics of claim 5.~~

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 2, line 13 and ends on line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, ~~in accordance with the characteristics of claim 6,~~ the insert part is formed of two identical insert pieces, arranged in mirror symmetry to one another, so that the front part is in a double layer only in the side regions and in the lowermost region. As a result, despite having this athletic support, the wearing comfort of the shorts that wearers expect is still preserved.

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 2, lines 19 and 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A practical variant in terms of production is obtained by each insert part remote from its free edge, is secured to the front part near the longitudinal center ~~from the characteristics of claim 7.~~

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 2, line 21 and ending at line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The aforementioned embodiment with its variant offers the possibility, in ~~accordance with the characteristics of claim 8,~~ of providing a concealed fly in such shorts. This fly may be embodied with a button strip ~~in accordance with the characteristics of claim 9.~~

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 2, lines 25 and 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A further simplification in terms of production and an advantageous design of the cut are obtained ~~in accordance with the characteristics of claim 10~~ by the front and back parts being of one piece, with the back part having a gore extending from the waistband to the crotch.

On page 3, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 4, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 3, line 4 and ends on line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 1, ~~[[in]]~~ is a front view partly in perspective, showing a pair of men's boxer shorts in a preferred exemplary embodiment of the present invention; and

Fig. 2, is an inside view of the front part of the men's boxer shorts of Fig. 1.

On page 3, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 7, please insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS